



Mason Neck Citizens Association
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Dear Mason Neck Resident:

As most of you know, in 2000 Edwin and Helen Lynch donated their home and 120 acres of land on Mason Neck, to the George Mason Foundation for the purpose of creating a retreat and research center for the Institute of Conflict Analysis and Resolution (ICAR). The Lynches named this land Point of View (POV) and it was their desire that it be used as an instrument to help people resolve differences and work through disputes in a secluded and restful environment. While this would seem to be a good thing for the Neck, many of our residents are concerned as to what Point of View will become and how this will change Mason Neck. There are many issues that our residents are concerned with when it comes to Point of View. These include destruction of wildlife habitat on the neck, increased traffic along Belmont Blvd, the planned entrance to Point of View and a permit for a 250,000 Gallon a day sewage treatment plant that was transferred with the property. Our residents concerns can be seen in various news articles that have occurred in our local media.

<http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/content/article/2007/11/13/AR2007111302590.html>.

The Mason Neck Citizen's Association (MNCA) first became involved with POV in April of 2007, when our Board of Directors were briefed by Mr. Adam Ramsey, of a meeting that the residents of the Belmont Bay Citizen's Association had with ICAR regarding the planned development at POV.

Shortly after the MNCA became aware of the proposed development of POV, the MNCA has taken a lead role in the discussion of POV development plans, and the communication of the community's concerns with those in charge of the POV planning. They include: Dr. Sara Cobb, Director of ICAR at GMU, Tom Calhoun and Nancy Pickens of GMU facilities, as well as Dr. Allan Merten, President of GMU. Additionally the MNCA has been in constant communication with our elected representatives including: County officials Gerry Hyland and Gerry Connolly, state representatives, Delegate David Albo and Senator Tody Puller, and Congressman Tom Davis, regarding the POV development.

The Mason Neck Citizens Association has hosted the leaders of ICAR at The Mason Neck Citizen's Association General Membership meetings as well as at its Board of Directors' meetings. The MNCA's representatives, President Rick Hutson and Director Marvin Miller, continue to meet with Dr. Sara Cobb, and Nancy Pickens, of GMU facilities, the first Monday of each month to maintain a close relationship between the community and those in charge of the development and implementation of POV. It is through these meetings and the constant communication with our elected representatives that the MNCA hopes to see to it that the concerns of the citizens of Mason Neck are accounted for in the development of ICAR's Point of View Facility.

Sincerely,

Rick Hutson
President
Mason Neck Citizens Association